

In the claims:

On page 11, cancel line 1, and substitute the following left-hand justified heading therefor:

5 CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-3, without prejudice, and substitute the following claims therefor:

4. A method for remote control conversion of at least one appliance which is contained in a local area network and is connected to a telecommunications 10 terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

allocating a unique appliance identification to the at least one appliance; specifying, in a stored list in one sub-region of a memory in the telecommunications terminal, one logical channel to at least one appliance identification, such that, when one and only one appliance identification is associated 15 with the logical channel, the logical channel has a primary data record associated with it and, if at least one appliance identification is associated with the logical channel via, in each case, at least one control command, the logical channel has an associated secondary data record;

20 forming the primary data record such that at least the appliance identification is included;

forming the secondary data record that at least one of the appliance identifications is contained in an organized sequence with at least one control command;

25 driving the at least one appliance such that, if there is a primary data record associated with the logical channel, one and only one appliance which is defined by the included appliance identification is driven and, if there is a secondary data record associated with the logical channel, at least one appliance which is defined by an appliance identification is driven successively in the organized sequence; and

30 transmitting, in each case, at least one control command, which is predetermined for the respective appliance identification, to the respective appliance when the choice of a logical channel is transmitted to the telecommunications terminal.

5. A method for remote control conversion of at least one appliance which is contained in a local area network and is connected to a telecommunications terminal as claimed in claim 4, wherein at least one appliance is allocated an alphanumeric 5 appliance identification as the appliance identification, which is transmitted by the at least one appliance.

6. A method for remote control conversion of at least one appliance which is contained in a local area network and is connected to a telecommunications terminal 10 as claimed in claim 4, wherein the at least one appliance is allocated an appliance number as the appliance identification, and the appliance number is incremented by one for each further appliance which is connected to the telecommunications terminal.

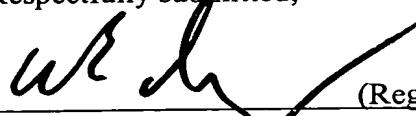
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15 The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the specification, which includes the Abstract, in order to conform the specification to the requirements of United States Patent Practice. No new matter is added thereby. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the present amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made".

20 In addition, the present amendment cancels original claims 1-3 in favor of new claims 4-6. Claims 4-6 have been presented solely because the revisions by crossing out and underlining which would have been necessary in claims 1-3 in order to present those claims in accordance with preferred United States Patent Practice would have been too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The present 25 amendment is intended for clarification purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to patentability pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Indeed, the cancellation of claims 1-3 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-3.

Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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